

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TOKYO 05336 131021Z

ACTION EA-09

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04

H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 /077 W

-----131053Z 052088 /22

R 130855Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6935

INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY LISBON

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

USLO PEKING

C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 5336

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: JA, PDIP, CE, SA, NZ, MG, FI, PO

SUBJECT: JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

1. FONOFF APRIL 13 ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT OF NEW AMBASSADORS TO SRI LANKA, SAUDI ARABIA, NEW ZEALAND, MONGOLIA, FINLAND AND PORTUGAL.

2. SRI LANKA: KEISUKE OCHI, 54, JOINED FONOFF ON GRADUATION FROM TOHOKI UNIVERSITY IN 1944. HE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED IN PORTLAND, CHICAGO AND ANKARA. SINCE JAN 1975 HE HAS BEEN DIRGEN OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND EMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN FONOFF. OCHI SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL; EMBASSY HAS FOUND HIM TO BE BOTH FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL.

3. SAUDI ARABIA: NOBUO OGUCHI, 59, IS 25 YEAR VETERAN DIPLOMAT AND GRADUATE OF PRESTIGIOUS TOKYO UNIVERSITY. HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO PORTUGAL SINCE EARLY 1975.
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TOKYO 05336 131021Z

4. PORTUGAL: OGUCHI WILL BE REPLACED IN LISBON BY MORIKI TANI, CURRENTLY JAPAN'S AMBASSADOR TO WEST GERMANY. TANI, 60, ENTERED FONOFF IN 1941. HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO LAOS IN EARLY 1970'S.

5. NEW ZEALAND: UMEO KAGEI, 57, ALSO JOINED FONOFF IN

1941. HE HAS SERVED AS CONSUL GENERAL IN BOTH CHICAGO AND SIDNEY, AND WITHIN FONOFF AS SE ASIA DIVDIR AND UN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN. BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE SPEAK ENGLISH WELL AND ENJOY COMPANY OF AMERICANS. THEY HAVE CHILDREN CURRENTLY STUDYING IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES.

6. FINLAND: TETSUSABURO HITOMI, 59, IS FONOFF "CLASSMATE" OF OGUCHI AND KAGEI, HAVING ALSO JOINED DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1941. HE HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA SINCE JUNE 1972.

7. MONGOLIA: TERUJI AKIYAMA, 55, ENTERED FONOFF IN 1951 AFTER GRADUATION FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY. WITHIN FONOFF HE HAS SERVED AS HEAD OF ARCHIVES DIVISION AND AS MINISTER AT JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PEKING SINCE 1975.

8. EMBASSY ASSUMES OIL/B CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION.
SHOESMITH

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AMBASSADOR DESIGNATE, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 13-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977TOKYO05336
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770127-1256
Format: TEL
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770460/aaaabztf.tel
Line Count: 82
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8d44b2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2815771
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS
TAGS: PDIP, JA, CE, SA, NZ, MG, FI, PO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8d44b2a5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009